

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S12481–S12563*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1718–1730. **Pages S12532–33**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 1131, to increase, effective December 1, 2003, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. (S. Rept. No. 108–163)

H.R. 1516, to provide for the establishment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of five additional cemeteries in the National Cemetery System, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–164) **Page S12532**

**Measures Passed:**

**Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act:** By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. 377), Senate passed S. 1053, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment, as amended:

**Commending Inspectors General:** Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 18, commending the Inspectors General for their efforts to prevent and detect waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, and to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the Federal Government during the past 25 years, and the joint resolution was then passed.

**Pages S12493–S12508**

**Emergency Supplemental Appropriations, Iraq and Afghanistan:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 1689, making emergency supplemental appropriations for Iraq and Afghanistan security and reconstruction for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S12490–93, S12508–28**

**Rejected:**

By 47 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 378), Division I of Bingaman Amendment No. 1830, to authorize the award of the Iraqi Liberation Medal as a campaign medal for members of the Armed Forces who serve in Southwest Asia in connection with Operation Iraqi Freedom. **Pages S12491–93, S12508–10**

Division II of Bingaman Amendment No. 1830, to authorize the award of the Iraqi Liberation Medal as a campaign medal for members of the Armed Forces who serve in Southwest Asia in connection with Operation Iraqi Freedom. **Page S12510**

Reid (for Stabenow) Amendment No. 1823, to provide emergency relief for veterans healthcare, school construction, healthcare and transportation needs in the United States, and to create 95,000 new jobs. (By 59 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 379), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S12510–14**

Dorgan Amendment No. 1826, to require that Iraqi oil revenues be used to pay for reconstruction in Iraq. (By 57 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 380), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S12514–21**

**Pending:**

Byrd Amendment No. 1818, to impose a limitation on the use of sums appropriated for the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund. **Page S12490**

Byrd/Durbin Amendment No. 1819, to prohibit the use of Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Funds for low priority activities that should not be the responsibility of U.S. taxpayers, and shift \$600 million from the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund to Defense Operations and Maintenance, Army, for significantly improving efforts to secure and destroy conventional weapons, such as bombs, bomb materials, small arms, rocket propelled grenades, and shoulder-launched missiles, in Iraq. **Page S12490**

Bond/Mikulski Amendment No. 1825, to provide additional VA Medical Care Funds for the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Page S12490**

Reid/Lincoln Amendment No. 1835, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability. **Page S12522**

Reid Amendment No. 1836, to express the sense of Congress on damages caused by the regime of Saddam Hussein during the First Gulf War. **Pages S12522–23**

Corzine/Durbin Amendment No. 1811, to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the age for receipt of military retired pay for nonregular service from 60 to 55. **Pages S12523–24**

Durbin Amendment No. 1837, to ensure that a Federal employee who takes leave without pay in order to perform certain service as a member of the uniformed services or member of the National Guard shall continue to receive pay in an amount which, when taken together with the pay and allowances such individual is receiving for such service, will be no less than the basic pay such individual would then be receiving if no interruption in employment had occurred. **Pages S12524–25**

Reed/Hagel Amendment No. 1834, to increase the end strength of the Army and to structure the additional forces for constabulary duty. **Pages S12525–28**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Corzine Amendment No. 1811 (listed above) and Reed/Hagel Amendment No. 1834 (listed above) on Wednesday, October 15, 2003; and the Senate will then vote on or in relation to each amendment beginning at approximately 10:40 a.m. **Page S12562**

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Robert L. Crandall, of Texas, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years.

Michael D. Gallagher, of Washington, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information.

Louis S. Thompson, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years.

Susan Johnson Grant, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy.

Gary Lee Visscher, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Jon R. Purnell, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Thomas Riley, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco.

Margaret Scobey, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic.

Margaret DeBardeleben Tutwiler, of Alabama, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy.

Stuart Ishimaru, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2007.

Drew R. McCoy, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term of six years.

Virginia E. Hopkins, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.

Ricardo S. Martinez, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

Robert N. McFarland, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Information and Technology).

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army.

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**Messages From the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Authority for Committees to Meet:**

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**Privilege of the Floor:**

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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—380) **Pages S12499, S12510, S12514, S12521**

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:08 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 15, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12562.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Roger Walton Ferguson, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and Paul S. Atkins, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### U.N. CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee held a hearing to examine the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, with Annexes, done at Montego Bay, December 10, 1982 (the "Convention"), and the Agreement Relating to the Implementation